

Court hinders essential governmental services of the C&A tribes

Concho, OK – A judge in Custer County denied First Bank and Trust of Clinton’s motion to close the Cheyenne and Arapaho accounts and deduct attorneys’ fees last week stating, “that would be tantamount to deciding for the tribes who its governor is,” a step the court declined to take in earlier rulings.

Judge Doug Haught also denied the motion for a discretionary stay pending appeal stating, “the Oklahoma Supreme court could rule on the request for stay.”

This leaves the door open for any party to petition the court to disburse the frozen funds; however, the court has yet to announce a standard for any such request. There are no hearings or requests pending in this case.

“It remains unclear how Leslie Wandrie-Harjo will overcome her statements to the court wherein she admitted she is not equipped to administer any of the tribes’ funds,” said concerned Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. “That seems like an insurmountable admission of her inability to perform any official role for the tribes.”

First Bank and Trust of Clinton put an ‘administrative freeze’ on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ depositor accounts on April 24, 2012. According to the bank, the suit was necessary to protect it from liability.

“The depositor accounts to provide essential governmental services to our People should not have been frozen in the first place,” stated Gov. Boswell. “We are committed to getting the depositor accounts released and the essential services provided. This nonsense has gone on too long and our people have suffered enough.”

The funds were appropriated by Congress to administer a variety of federal programs including shelter to homeless children, medical equipment, critical lifesaving medication, home health care services to the disabled and bedridden, firefighter services and investigation and provision of child protective services for abused, neglected, or exploited children.



The massacre at Sand Creek

By Nakima Geimausaddle
Medicine Winds News

This is not an easy story to tell nor one to read. The simple way would be to say that some nameless white man murdered a bunch of faceless Indians on an Indian Reservation. But there was millions of white men on the globe at that time, who had nothing to do with this massacre.

It is important to identify these killers as the acknowledged Colorado Territory Regiment, led by former preacher turned soldier, Col. John Chivington.

There are some who would tell you that this tragic event happened long ago, and should be forgotten. They try to alter the facts and refuse to print the story in the history books. History tells us that history is destined to repeat itself.

A mere 72 years after this genocide, another madman attempted the genocide of another race of humans. Hitler killed fewer Jews per capita than Sheridan killed Native Americans, but he is destined to live forever in infamy, while American politicians try to cover up their countrymen’s misdeeds.

The hunting party was hot on the trail of a small herd of buffalo. Black Kettle’s Cheyenne had just arrived at the site of their new reservation, along the banks of Sand Creek in Colorado. He’d sent every able bodied man out on the hunt to bring back meat for the entire village.

The children spent the afternoon playing along the banks of the river on that November day while the elders set up camp and rested from the arduous journey across the sagebrush dotted plains. The last thing that Chief Black Kettle did before retiring to his tipi for the night, was to raise the American flag given to him by President Lincoln. The Cheyenne, the Arapaho and several traveling companions of two other tribes went to bed thinking of the hot buffalo stew they’d be eating for supper the next day.

The morning dawned briskly cold. Despite the new promise of peace with the Americans, the young boys guarded the

horse herd. The sound of thundering hooves enticed the boys to abandon the herd in hopes of seeing their fathers hunting the buffalo herd. Instead, the boys discovered the Colorado Territory Regiment in the midst of their charge upon the sleeping village.

The sound of thundering hooves awoke Bird Woman. She rose from her bedding and quickly dressed. Grandmother was also awakened and took her great grand-daughter from Bird Woman, as the young woman hurried out of the tipi to assist the other women with the butchering of the buffalo.

The bullet that struck Bird Woman full in the chest, hit her with such an impact, that the young woman’s body was thrust back into the lodge she’d just left. Grandmother was left staring at the young woman whose mouth opened and closed in an attempt of warning, before falling slack in death. Grandmother was left holding the three month old child, while the sounds of her relatives dying at the hands of Chivington’s men filled the cold November air.

The Colorado Volunteer Army had the look of rabid animals in their faces. The old lady walked around the tipi and toward the bluffs three quarters of a mile away, along the banks of Sand Creek. She neither tried to hide nor run. There were no hiding places for her to sneak away to. Grandmother was too old to run, so she walked ever so slowly, being careful not to make eye contact with anyone. It was a long walk. Surprisingly, Chivington’s men were so busy killing her people, that they didn’t even appear to notice the escape of the old woman carrying the crying infant.

When Grandmother finally reached the bluffs she discovered there was very little cover. Some women and children and an old man were already hiding there. A soldier fired a shot at her, so now she had to hurry. There was a small bend

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Fitness and nutrition boot camp challenge

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter

The Clinton Service Unit Indian Health Center Public Nursing Department teams up with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Diabetes and Wellness Program to bring tribal and casino employees a six-week Fitness and Nutrition Boot Camp.

On Sept. 17, 2012 the two programs held a health fair, while giving the opportunity for tribal employees to sign up for the Fitness and Nutrition Boot Camp at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

“Last year we started the Boot Camp for the Clinton Service Unit employees we had success with it so we decided that we wanted to roll it out to tribes employees,” Bonnie Kraft, Director of Public Health Nursing Clinton Indian Health Service said. “The goal is to teach those who sign up today for the boot camp how to live a healthier lifestyle.”

The six-week session is scheduled to kick off on Sept. 24, 2012 at the Concho Community Center.

“We will have two classes one in the morning at 8 a.m. and the second class at 4 p.m. the participants need to choose

only one class, this may be helpful with accommodating the employee’s schedule,” Kraft said. “The boot camp will consist of four days per week of fitness instruction and one day a week of nutrition education featuring personalized meal plans.”

The health fair introduced those who were interested to the structure of the six-week program.

“We will have fitness instructors, dietitians, physical therapist and behavioral health specialists as a part of the boot camp. Kristie Purdy, our nutritionist will be educating those who attend the six week course about the importance of eating right and William Pierce, our Physical Therapist, will also be a part of the boot camp,” Kraft said.

Purdy, said she will talk about when people are eating out to make a healthy choice from the fast food menu.

“Portion control is where we can get out of hand when eating. A person can still have what they want, but it is the portion that one chooses to consume,” Purdy said. “Everyone that comes through the boot camp will receive a food journal so that they can track their

calories and review it daily. The journal is so I can help coach and encourage them along during the intense six-weeks.”

Kraft said she hopes that once people complete the Fitness and Nutrition Boot Camp course that she and her team have given them the skills to make life changes for themselves, their friends and family members.

For more information about the Fitness and Nutrition Boot camp contact Kraft at (580) 623-3011 or email Bonnie.Krfat@ihs.gov.

Meet the Instructors: William P. Tallbird-Williams – William was born in Lawton, Okla. on Sept. 26, 1983. He is the son of Geneva Tallbird and Wallace Williams Jr. He is half Cheyenne and half Arapaho Indian, and is an enrolled member of the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma. William is the grandson of Grace American Horse-Tallbird and William Tallbird, Jr. He is a member of the Bow String Clan, one of the four traditional and original warrior clans of the Cheyenne tribe.

William is a registered third degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do with the

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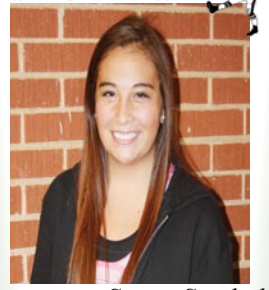
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Meet the Tribal Council Coordinator candidates

Editor's Note: We are running this section again in an effort to give all tribal members a chance to learn a little bit about the three candidates running for Tribal Council Coordinator:

Lisa Martin

My name is Lisa Martin and I am renewing my candidacy for Tribal Council Coordinator. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as Coordinator the last two years. It has been a great learning experience and I look forward to serving the Tribal Council for another two year term.

I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. My parents are Betty Martin and Michael Martin of El Reno, Oklahoma. I am also the granddaughter of the late Ella Horn and great-granddaughter of Mabel

Medicinebird-Horn and Jesse Horn, as well as a descendent of POW Chief Killer.

I grew up in El Reno, OK and graduated in 2000 from El Reno High School. I attended the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2004.

As Tribal Council Coordinator since 2010, I have upheld the duties outlined by the Constitution. I have accepted requests, petitions and resolutions for Tribal Council meetings while remaining unbiased and fair.



I pledge to preserve the Office of Tribal Council by impartiality and will provide assistance free from prejudice.

Christopher Roman Nose



Hello, my name is Christopher Roman Nose and I am seeking the position of the Coordinator for the Office of the Tribal Council.

My parents are Quinton and LaDonna Roman Nose and I am a full blood Cheyenne and Arapaho. I was raised in Watonga, Okla. and graduated from Watonga High School in 2004 and the University of Oklahoma in 2008 with Bachelor's Degree in Native American Studies.

Currently, I work at Oklahoma City University as the Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Affairs where I help advise students.

The reason I would like to serve in this position is to reassure our Cheyenne and Arapaho people that our generation (18-30) still believe in our people. By serving in this position, I will work hard, honest and be a dedicated worker for our people. This position is selected by the Tribal Council at the Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council, so I ask you for consideration for this position.

Donald Yellow Eagle

Hi-ii =Hello
Eh-piv-wol-noht =Good Morning
Eh-piiv-di-evah-oltz =Good Evening
Wolk-hi-Enehstii-oltz =White Eagle Calling
Na-heh-shii-vii =is my Cheyenne name

My name is Donald C. Yellow Eagle and I am currently running to be become the next Tribal Council Coordinator.

I attended Weatherford High School where in my 11th grade year moved to Monument, Colo., where I attended Lewis-Palmer High School. I have been living in Colorado Springs, Colo., periodically, for the last 23 years.

I attended Front Range Community College in Westminster, Colo., Metro State Univ. in Denver, Colo. and Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, N.M.

I have worked as program director for White Bison, Inc., and Eagle Lodge, Inc., both are and were Drug and Alcohol Prevention Pro-

grams for Native Youth, and In-Patient client(s) serving both Urban and Reservation areas. I also worked through the Denver Indian Education, for the Denver Public Education system and then the Santa Fe Indian School in Santa Fe, N.M. Both were teaching positions in pre-Algebra, American History-Native American Studies, and Drug and Alcohol Prevention.

In 2006, I worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as the Buffalo Program Director and recently have been writing, lecturing and performing contract work for the National Park Service and Colorado Historical Society, on the Sand Creek Massacre issue.

I was raised by my maternal grandparents, Rufus and Sarah Yellow Eagle. Rufus Yellow Eagle Sr., was a Southern Cheyenne Chief and I was raised with the teachings of the Traditional Cheyenne way of life.

I have recently completed a fiction novel, which is in the final editing and consul-



tation stage of publication.

I have traveled among many tribal communities throughout Canada and the United States as a lecturer, Grass Dancer, member of the Native American Church, educator and observer, and will continue to represent the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho people with integrity, discipline, faith, and responsibility.

Again, I, Donald Christopher Yellow Eagle, graciously sends his gratitude for your kind consideration as being your new/next Tribal Council Coordinator.

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NOTE: We currently have over 70 photos in our archives, so if you have submitted a photo in previous years you do not have to resend another one. Thank you.

Clinton playground project moving forward

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority has been supporting this worthy project, Clinton Playground Project, for our children since it began in 2010.

The Clinton Playground Committee (CPC), is a local group of parents and children that are committed to raising funds for equipment for a playground. They have raised approximately \$7,000 towards a \$16,000 modern playground system.

"This is a volunteer project, and it takes time and effort on the committee member's part to make this work," Damon Dunbar, Housing Authority Special Projects said.

The Housing Authority would like to say thank you to the CPC for their efforts in making the project something that the local community, parents and children will be proud of.

"The committee members have full-time jobs, and making time for these planning



meetings and fundraisers is quite a chore," Dunbar said.

Th next fundraiser will be a Masquerade Dance starting at 3 p.m., October 28, 2012 at the Clinton Community Center.

"We always welcome and encourage more parents and children to get involved. A special thank you goes to Lisa Peña, president, Samarra Gallegos, vice-president and Robyn French, secretary/treasurer, for their commitment to help our children."

Water-Zoo open to the public

Clinton, OK-The wait is over. Oklahoma's most splashastic attraction opened to the public on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 in Clinton, Okla.

With zero depth entry pools, mezzanine-level playground, kiddie pool area and massive water slides, all ages were welcomed into the park to splash around at the Water-Zoo Indoor Water Park.

Other features include a 600 gallon tipping bucket, wave pool activity pool, Lazy and Crazy River and Bowl Slide. All the action is enclosed by a 28,000 square foot glass building with a retractable roof for summer

days.

The park will be open daily from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Prices for entry, passes and parties are listed online at water-zoo.com. Water-Zoo will offer discounts and promotions in local and surrounding newspapers and through their e-club so join on Facebook or their website today.

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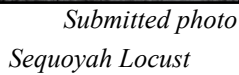
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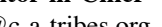
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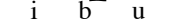
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Real men, real depression, the facts about men and depression

Submitted by Social Services

An estimated six million men in the United States have a depressive disorder-major depression, dysthymia (chronic, less severe depression), or bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness)-every year. Although these illnesses are highly treatable, many men do not recognize, acknowledge, or seek help for their depression.

While both men and women may develop the standard symptoms of depression, they often experience depression differently and may have different ways of coping. Men may be more willing to report fatigue, irritability, loss of interest in work or hobbies and sleep disturbances rather than feelings of sadness, worthlessness and excessive guilt, which are commonly associated with depression in women. Also, tragically, four times as many men as women die by suicide, even though women make more suicide attempts during their lives.

The truth is, depression is a real and treatable illness. It can strike at any age,

from childhood into late life. With proper diagnosis and treatment, the vast majority of men with depression can be helped. What makes depression different from the blues?

Depression is a serious medical condition that involves the body, mood and thoughts. It affects how you eat and sleep. It alters your self-perception. It changes the way you think and feel. Men with a depressive illness can't just "snap out of it" or "pull themselves together," because depression isn't the same as a passing mood. Left untreated, depression may last for weeks, months or years at a time.

Depressive illnesses can make routine tasks unbearably difficult. Pleasures that make life worth living, watching a football game, playing with children, even making love, can be drained of joy. Depression brings pain and disruption not only to the person who has it, but also to his family and others who care about him.

If you are experiencing some of the following symptoms, you may have a depressive illness. Ask yourself if you are feeling sad or 'empty', irritable or angry, guilty or worthless, pessimistic or hopeless, tired or 'slowed down', restless or agitated, like no one cares about you or like life is not worth living. You may also sleep more or less than usual, eat more or less than usual, have persistent headaches, stomachaches or chronic pain, have trouble concentrating, remembering things or making decisions, lose interest in work or hobbies, or lose interest in sex. If these symptoms are familiar, it's time to talk with your doctor. Depression is a real, medical illness that can be successfully treated, most often with medication, psychotherapy ("talk" therapy), or a combination of both. Support from family and friends plays an important role as well. It takes courage to ask for help.

The feelings and behaviors that are part of depression can hinder a person's ability

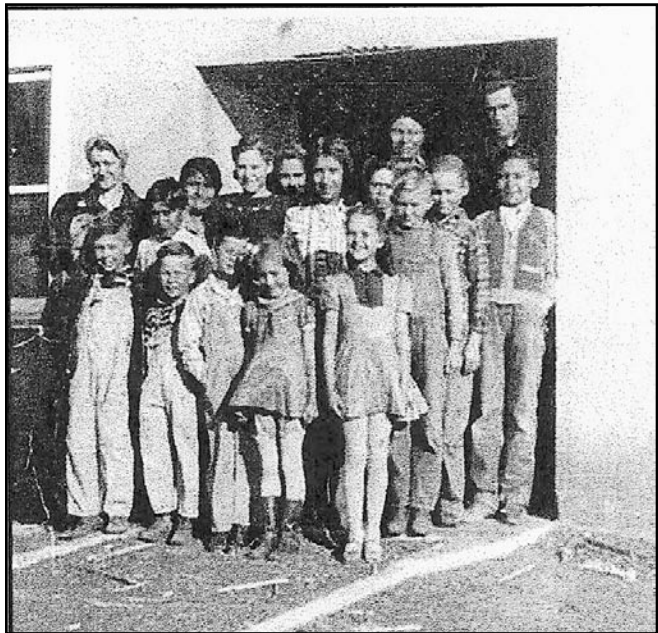
to seek help. In addition, men in particular may find it difficult to admit depressive symptoms and ask for help. It's important to remember that depression is a real, treatable illness and is nothing to be ashamed about.

Thanks to years of research, a variety of effective treatments including medications and short-term psychotherapies are available for depressive disorders. Treatment choice will depend on the patient's diagnosis, severity of symptoms, and preference. In general, severe depressive illnesses, particularly those that are recurrent, will require a combination of treatments for the best outcome.

If you are feeling depressed, tell someone about your symptoms. Speak with a doctor, nurse, psychologist, social worker or employee assistance professional. Asking for help takes courage, but it can make all the difference.

My story, the way I remember it

Excerpts from the Memoirs of
Kenneth Worthington



Submitted photo

Fonda School class. Far left and far right are Mrs. Boyer and Mr. Boyer, teachers. The five students in the front row l-r: Alvern Walters, Alvern's little brother, Alvern's cousin, unknown little girl and Leta Joyce Tyree.

Back row: Theodore Pendleton, Ramona Campbell, Juanita Smith, Elizabeth Pendleton, Paul, Charles Little Coyote, Bobby Campbell, Kenneth and Woodrow White Crow.

Kenneth Worthington, 81, made his ascent to Heaven on Sept. 13, 2012. His memories of his childhood growing up in Fonda, Okla. along side his Cheyenne and Arapaho friends were stories he wanted to share.

Kenneth was born in Longdale, Okla. in September 1930. His family was farmers, as were most families during that era. His grandfather Joesph Ellsworth Worthington was the scion. Kenneth's father, Joseph Clarence (Jody) grew up and helped on the family farm located just east of Seiling in a place called Fonda.

Kenneth attended a one room school in Fonda from the third grade to seventh grade, up until the time his father passed away and Kenneth was shipped off to his maternal grandparents in southeast Kansas.

For reasons only Kenneth knew, his childhood in Oklahoma left him with vivid memories, and he wrote two volumes of memoirs about his life there.

Kenneth went on to graduate from high school, serve in the U.S. Air Force, obtain his college degree, and start a family. He worked in the Aerospace industry as an engineer with Boeing. He helped build the Saturn V Moon Rocket first stage in New Orleans, LA., and then retired and moved to Lexington, MO., where he began a second career as the financial director for Wentworth Military Academy. He served as the tri-county Red Cross head, worked with United Way, served on a local bank's board of directors and served that community in many ways.

Despite all his later experiences, the only memoirs he wrote are exclusively of his childhood in Oklahoma and the times he shared among his Indian friends.

The Fonda School Kenneth attended was integrated with Indian children, mostly Cheyenne, and white children, though Kenneth didn't really talk much about the integrated nature of the school. It was just a fact of life, nothing more and nothing less.

His best friend during his time at Fonda was Charles Little Coyote. Kenneth wrote a brief passage stating, "Charlie Little Coyote, the big Cheyenne kid was one of my best friends in those grade school years. Perhaps 60 years before our time he and I would have been enemies, but in the 1930s we were just classmates."

What follows are excerpts from Kenneth's memoirs, written by Kenneth about his cherished memories of his childhood in Oklahoma and the close friends he grew to love.

"...the drums were still in use when I was a boy. I heard them many times. Of course the wars were all

over before I came along, but their (the drums) hypnotic rhythm could be heard for miles, most often on still summer nights. The Indians were asking the Great Spirit for rain, or talking in some way. It was a haunting sound that always stopped as suddenly as it began."

"I kept a low profile in the classroom. I had little to brag about there, but during recess and lunch hour, I never passed up a chance to show my athletic prowess. I could make the teeter totter jump notches and sometimes bounce the kid on the opposite end off onto the ground. One year I could swing higher and jump farther than anyone else. We played tag, Red Rover and Crack the Whip, all of which I was good at. Me and Charles Little Coyote beat the rest of the student body in volleyball. The Indian kids spoke easily among themselves ... my Indian classmates were quick to tell me how to pronounce a word or phrase, but when I used it later, they would always collapse in laughter."

"Bobfinger's pond was along a creek that ran at the east end of the farm. It was a small pond used primarily as a holding basin for watering our cows and horses. We also fished in it for the little bull-head catfish that overflowed during rainy periods from the government pond just about a mile upstream to the south. In the very hot summertime we sometimes took a dip in the pond to cool off. It was a far cry from the cool, clear, mountain streams everyone dreams of, but we enjoyed it all the same. By today's sanitation standards, I'm sure such a pond would be roped-off and posted 'No Swimming, No Fishing, Not Fit for Human Consumption'. That's the way things are now, but in my boyhood mind our pond was a sparkling jewel in the middle of that hot old pasture. How could anyone not like it?

One more thing about the pond, it had an aura of history about it that I always loved. It was another one of those fascinating places to me ... because BobFinger used to come to the pond and swim. I first heard of him from my dad who told me that when he was a boy he watched BobFinger many times swimming in our little pond very early in the mornings, even on cold days of winter. There must have been some kind of meditation association with his visits, because dad said he would walk up to the pond in a long robe, let it fall away and stand there very still for a while before going into the water. Every time I went to the pond I thought of how BobFinger had been there too many years before. When I knew BobFinger he was a recognized leader, wise man or chief of the local Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Now I didn't actually know him in the way we usually think. I knew of him, his reputation and in what high regard he was held by white people as well as Indians. I would have been 8 or 9 years old. He would have been well into his 80s or early 90s when we occasionally saw him.

Once I was close to him at some community picnic, possibly a church event, I don't remember the occasion. I sat near him along with several other kids as we ate our lunch (we called it dinner) in awestruck silence. He was tall and slender and wore a black hat over long silver streaked hair that hung down his back in a single braid. His face was wrinkled, but his eyes seemed alert and bright. There was something about the overall look of his face that made me think he was always about to smile. When he finished eating, he picked some green grass and used it as a napkin. I felt very comfortable with him."

"Me and my brother Paul attended Fonda School in the fall of 1938. I stayed there through the seventh grade ending in the spring of 1943. Paul finished the eighth grade at Fonda and rode the school bus to Seiling for his freshman year of high school. By road the home place on Star Route was a mile south and about a mile east of Fonda. Our school was perhaps a quarter of a mile east of Fonda. Our house, the one grandpa

provided for us, was about a quarter of a mile north of the home place. So, as the crow flies, or the kid walks, me and Paul walked about one mile to and from school. Walking time varied depending on the weather and the mood we were in.

The walk to school was northwest, generally the direction our weather changes came from. In the winter cold rain, sleet and snow could be brutal and nearly as bad when you walked with the wind on the way home. In the fall and early spring when the climate was more tolerable, me and Paul would often take the slightly longer route home. We walked east from the school to the Hardesty place and then directly south about three-quarters of a mile to our house. The Hardesty's just lived there a couple of years. The boys, Gene and Huston, were classmates, but the family moved away I think to Ft. Cobb. Elizabeth Pendleton and her sister, Theodora lived out that way too, so I got to know Elizabeth pretty well. She was nice and I liked her."

"I met one of the nicest, prettiest girls in the world right there at Fonda School, Leta Joyce Tyree. I'm not sure when I first met her. I don't remember anything at all about her in Seiling School. She was a grade or two behind me, so she might not have been in school yet when I attended second grade there, but at Fonda she was quite noticeable. I did enjoy her company at school. It wasn't always easy. Bobby Campbell was my biggest competition and he worked at it. To make life more difficult, Leta Joyce, being a younger woman, was at times a bit fickle. I had to always be on guard. Of course, I was no rock of fidelity. I flitted from Leta Joyce to my Cheyenne friend Elizabeth Pendleton, then to Bobby Campbell's older sister Ramona and finally back to Leta Joyce, all in a course of a couple of months."

These are a just a few of the excerpts from Kenneth's memoirs of his days at Fonda School in Oklahoma. His sons, Greg and Brad Worthington, wanted to share some of their father's memories with our readers, in a way to honor their father, and in a way to bring some long forgotten memory back to the minds of those that lived and played at Fonda School during the 1930s.



Submitted article

Kenneth Worthington

Boot camp

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Kukkiwon Federation, from the World Tae Kwon Do Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea. He trained for over ten years under the guidance and tutelage of Master Chang Lim Yi (Master Lee) with Lee’s U.S. Academy of Tae Kwon Do in Bethany, Okla. He also achieved and attained his Instructor’s Status in Tae Kwon Do in May 2006, at Lee’s Academy of Tae Kwon Do and certified from the Tae Kwon Do from the Kukkiwon Federation, from the World Tae Kwon Do Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea. William attended and graduated from Calumet High school, Calumet, Oklahoma. He possesses two years of college in Liberal Arts from Redlands Community College, El Reno, Okla.

William is currently employed with the USPHS/IHS Watonga Indian Health Clinic in Watonga, Okla., as a Physical Fitness Instructor. He has been employed with the Indian Health Service (Healthy Heart Program) for the past five years.

Ida R. (Shoune) Tallbird – Shoune was born in Gallup, N.M. on June 26, 1975. She is the daughter of Geneva Tallbird and the granddaughter of Grace American Horse-Tallbird and William Tallbird Jr. Shoune is half Cheyenne and half Navajo Indian, and is an enrolled

tribal member of the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

Shoune is a registered first degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. She trained for over four years under the guidance and tutelage of Master Chang Lim Yi (Master Lee) with Lee’ U.S. Academy of Tae Kwon Do in Bethany, Okla., and the Kukkiwon Federation, from the World Tae Kwon Do Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea. Shoune attended and graduated from El Reno High School in El Reno, Okla. She possesses an Associated Degree in Applied Science from Redlands Community College. She also possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavior Studies from Oklahoma City University.

Shoune is currently employed with the USPHS/IHS, Watonga Indian Health Clinic in Watonga, Okla. as a Public Health Nurse Assistant. She has been employed with the Watonga Indian Health Clinic, (Healthy Heart Program) for the past four years. Prior to her employment with the Healthy Heart Program, Watonga Indian Health Clinic, she was employed with the El Reno Indian Health Clinic in El Reno, Okla. for ten years as an Optometry Technician.

Can you hear me

Submitted article

(Clinton, OK Sept. 21, 2012)—The statistics are shocking and even more so knowing that over half of those 36 million Americans are under the age of 65. Hearing loss is an increasing health concern in this nation that is often preventable. Taking time to see an audiologist for regular hearing screenings and knowing the signs of hearing loss can protect your hearing. Make an appointment with an audiologist this October during National Audiology Awareness Month.

“Hearing loss can be caused by exposure to loud noises, ear infections, trauma, or ear disease; harm to the inner ear and ear drum, illness or certain medications, and deterioration due to the normal aging process,” explains [Kala Rodgers, Au.D.]. The amount of noise Americans are exposed to today plays an important role in the recent increase of hearing loss across the nation. It is no longer just a health concern for seniors.

Have you stopped going to restaurants and social gatherings? Do you keep to yourself when in noisy envi-

ronments? If you answered yes, you may have a hearing problem. Some tell signs of hearing loss are: trouble hearing conversation in a noisy environment such as restaurants, difficulty or inability to hear people talking to you without looking at them, and/or a constant pain or ringing in your ears.

On average, most Americans don’t know how to recognize the first signs of hearing loss or which health professional is qualified to diagnose and treat the condition. If you think you may have a hearing loss, you need to see an audiologist.

An audiologist is a licensed and clinically experienced health-care professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. The first step in treatment of a hearing problem is to get your hearing evaluated by an audiologist. A hearing evaluation will determine the degree of hearing loss you have and what can be done. Although most hearing loss is permanent, an audiologist can determine



the best treatment, which may include hearing aids, assistive listening devices and hearing rehabilitation.

In response to the growing number of Americans suffering from hearing loss, the American Academy of Audiology has launched National Audiology Awareness Month this October.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Clinton Service Unit Audiology Department at (580) 331-3477.

Over 36 million American adults have some degree of hearing loss. That is over 4 times the amount of people who live in New York City.



Traditional Indian Corn Soup Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program



Wash and put 1 1/2 quarts of “lyed” Indian White Corn in an 8 quart pot. Fill with water 3/4 full and cover. Bring to a boil and keep at a rolling boil for 1 1/2 hours, corn should open full. You may want to cook corn a while longer. If the corn is not fully open, stir occasionally. Do not let it stick to the bottom of the pan.

While the corn is cooking, cut up 1 1/2 lbs of pork shoulder butt steaks into 3/4” square pieces. Do the same with 3/4 lbs of salt pork. Place meat in a separate pan and boil for 1 hour. Water should cover pork 4” or so. Add if

necessary...you will need this for stock.

After the corn opens to your satisfaction or two hours maximum, remove from stove and pour through strainer. Do not rinse corn. Rinse out pot and put corn back into pot. Add the cooked pork along with the stock.

Open three 1 lb cans of dark red kidney beans and add. Rinse beans, add water to cover mixture 3 inches or so. Boil mixture for another 1 1/2 to 2 hours, adding water if necessary. Stir occasionally, do not let it stick to the bottom of the pan.

BRIEFS

Native American Wound Care Conference

Oct. 8-9, 2012 at the Moronga Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 13th annual Mid-Year Secretary and Administrative Assistant’s Conference

Oct. 10-11, 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

The 17th annual Ameri-

can Indian College Fund Flame of Hope Gala

Oct. 11, 2012 at the Depot in Minneapolis, Minn. Gala is to raise scholarship funds for needy Native American students. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org/events/2012/10/11/american-indian-college-fund-gala.

Midwest Native American Economic Development Conference

Oct. 17-18, 2012 at the Millenium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago, Ill. For

more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 43rd annual Native American Indian Education Tradeshow and Conference

Oct. 18-21, 2012 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.niea.org.

The 69th annual National Congress of American Indians Convention

Oct. 21-26, 2012 at the

Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 13th annual Technology Conference for the Native American Industry

Nov. 5-8, 2012 at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.tribalnetonline.com.

The 21st annual National Native American Emergency Management Ser-

E A T I N G well for DIABETES

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Obesity, Weight Gain and Sugary Drinks

New research being published in the New England Journal of Medicine confirms the obesity epidemic, its link to soda and other sugary beverage consumption as the culprit for obesity, independent of other unhealthy behaviors like unhealthy eating and too little exercise. The research showed that the more sugary beverages consumed in the diet seemed to have a greater impact on the genes of weight gain and increasing the risk of obesity.

The study shows proof that drinking sugary beverages interferes with the genes that affect weight and that sugary drinks are harmful to the genes that predisposes them to gain weight.

There is a heredity component to becoming obese and sugary drinks, enhances the risk factor for obesity.

Most of us have some of the genes that predispose us to weight gain. The biggest source of calories in the American diet comes from sugary drinks and beverages like sodas, juices and sports drinks. One third of children and teens in the US and more than 66 percent

of adults are overweight or obese.

If you have the genes to be overweight you may not be overweight, but adding sweetened drinks in your diet, along with inactivity, overeating and eating fatty foods can ultimately lead you to the path of becoming obese.

The study was funded mostly by the government and showed that when sugary beverages were taken out of the children’s diet the weight gain was approximately two pound average per year and after one year the children given the sugar-free drinks weighed four pounds less than those who continued to drink the sugary beverages.

There is some good news, sugar free drinks and diet sodas appear not to raise the risk of obesity.

Decreasing and eliminating the sugary drinks from your diet can improve your health and aid in weight loss.

For more information contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (800) 247-4612 ext 27685.



COMMUNITY Meetings

*Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Governor Janice Prairie-Chief Boswell
Invites You to Informational Community Meeting*

**All Meetings Begin at 6 p.m.
Meal Provided**

Weatherford, Pioneer Center, Weatherford, Okla.	Oct. 1
Elk City, Gatherings Place, Elk City, Okla.	Oct. 1
Clinton, Clinton Community Center, Clinton, Okla.	Oct. 2
Thomas, Thomas School Cafeteria, Thomas, okla.	Oct. 2
Hammon, Hammon Community Center, Hammon, Okla.	Oct. 3
Geary, Geary Community Center, Geary, Okla.	Oct. 3

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Violence Against Women, Cheyenne-Arapaho Prevention Team

By LaRenda Morgan, MHR

“Our Cheyenne Arapaho women are like precious shells, with a heart of pearl, taken from deep, dark, hidden waters, to be polished and shiny for the Creator Maheo,” – LaRenda Morgan

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Social Services Department has established a Prevention Team. The Prevention Team will provide strategic planning and activities and awareness, education, resources in the tribal communities to prevent violence against women in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Any advocate, tribal member or non-tribal member, tribal employee or non-tribal employee may join the Prevention Team. Men are encouraged to join.

Prevention efforts will be designed to stop sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking before the events occur to tribal members or non-tribal members on tribal lands. The Prevention Team will emphasize prevention and intervention to assist victims and their families once violence occurs.

With Cheyenne Arapaho tribal advocates it is the hopes and mission of the Prevention Team to eradicate domestic violence from our tribal members and other who live on tribal lands.

Communities and systems must change to a society that does not tolerate domestic violence. This includes preventing our tribal grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters from falling victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or stalking.

The strategic plan will emphasize community-driven initiatives including collaborations with leaders, advocates and non-traditional allies, facilitating social change and organization that leads to sustainable action.

Multiple public awareness strategies designed by men and women of tribal affiliation or interest of prevention is needed. These individuals can be leaders, advocates, healthcare workers, social workers and concerned tribal citizens. The input and ideas of this Prevention Team will be communicated to help tribal mem-

bers understand sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking as a public health crisis. The strategic plan will include involving tribal men in message implementation using community-informed public awareness campaigns at tribal council meetings, tribal events, tribal youth meetings, community meetings, email, tribal newspaper and rallies. This is a call to action.

Vision: The Violence Against Women Cheyenne Arapaho Prevention Team’s primary goal is education, support and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking within the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes.

Mission: To implement a comprehensive plan for the primary prevention and education of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking that is within the tribal communities, the goals include strategies focusing on individuals and families, communities to educate and assist within the tribe and on tribal lands.

If you’re interested in joining this pre-



vention team, the first meeting will be held: at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012. The location will be determined depending on the number of participants.

Contact LaRenda Morgan at lmorgan@c-a-tribes.org or (405) 422-7877 for more information, questions or if you are interested in joining our team.

Domestic violence, be aware

By Marie Hartwell-Walker, Ed.D.



Domestic violence remains a huge and largely hidden problem. The purple ribbons you may have seen recently on car bumpers and people’s lapels are to remind us that someone is physically, sexually, psychologically or verbally abused by an intimate partner every 15 seconds. It crosses all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, and it happens in both heterosexual and homosexual partnerships. Although women are more often targeted by men, there are also men who are victimized by their female or male intimate partners and women who are battered and manipulated by their female partners.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in the United States, 1.3 million women and 830,000 men are assaulted each year by people they believe love them. In a 2005 survey, the Centers for Disease Control found that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men are victims of domestic violence at some point.

It goes on in teen couples as well as in adult relationships. One study found that 1 in 5 high school girls reported being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. Another study of teen dating behavior found that 3 out of 5 teens say they’ve had a boyfriend or girlfriend who made them feel bad or embarrassed about themselves.

Victims often don’t complain. Their partners may have instilled such fear in them that they don’t dare say anything. Or, they have become so numb to the manipulation and violence that they don’t recognize they are victims. Sadly, it is often only when someone has become seriously hurt or has an emotional breakdown that friends, family members,

steps to intervene. Mental health counselors are more sensitive to the issue and more sophisticated in encouraging their patients to talk about what they’d rather not talk about.

But we have a long way to go. In this year’s proclamation, President Obama noted that

“The ramifications of domestic violence are staggering. Young women are among the most vulnerable, suffering the highest rates of intimate partner violence. Exposure to domestic violence puts our young men and women in danger of long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm. Children who experience domestic violence are at a higher risk for failure in school, emotional disorders, and substance abuse, and are more likely to perpetuate the cycle of violence themselves later in life.”

Often the abuser doesn’t understand that his or her behavior is in fact abusive. Raised in a family where abuse was business as usual, they don’t recognize their manipulative or overt efforts to control others as abnormal. Not having been brought up in a loving and secure family, they don’t know how to be secure and comfortable in their partner’s love.

When things go well, all is well. But when angered or threatened by real or imagined slights, they lose it – just as they watched the adults of the previous generation lose it. Some are then remorseful and apologetic. They mean well. They want to do better than was done to them. But they can’t hold onto their good intentions when upset. Unfortunately, it doesn’t take much to upset them.

or professionals even realize what is going on.

Things are getting better. Since the 1994 passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), there has been increased awareness of the problem. More proactive measures are being taken to identify and help victims. It’s now common for medical professionals to ask people if anyone is hurting them as part of a routine physical as well as when someone is injured. School counselors, nurses and teachers are becoming educated to the signs that a child is being traumatized or hurt and are taking

The Cycle of Violence

The victims are on the other side of this interaction. Sometimes the buildup of psychological and verbal abuse is subtle and gradual. Over time, the person they love undermines their self-esteem and makes them feel more and more dependent. The victim really doesn’t see it coming.

In other cases, the victim comes from a long history of childhood victimization. Like most people, she or he was drawn to the familiar when drawn to a mate. For them, being yelled at, put down, coerced into sex or taken advantage of is just more of the same.

This is what is meant by the “cycle of violence.” With somewhere between 3.3 and 10 million children witnessing some form of domestic violence every year, it’s understandable that many of those kids learn to accept abuse as normal.” The pattern of abuser/victim is thus bumped from generation to generation. Unless someone in the family gets angry enough or desperate enough to call in help, or unless someone outside the family intervenes, the behaviors continue to the detriment of the individuals involved and to society as a whole. Violence in families is linked to high rates of substance abuse and addictions, mental illness, suicides, and sexual acting out as well as criminal behaviors.

The cycle of violence can be stopped. Victims can be helped to find the strength to seek and accept protection, advice, and practical help from their local shelters and mental health clinics. Abusers can learn how to appropriately express anger and how to be loving partners by attending programs for partners against violence or therapy. Couples can learn how to be loving and supportive partners and parents through couples counseling and parent education classes. And children of abusive relationships can be healed when their parents get themselves and the children into treatment.

When domestic violence is known in an extended family or in a network of friends, there is no such thing as being an innocent bystander. To know about abuse and do nothing is to enable and support it. Family, friends, and professionals who are concerned about a family can and should help them face the issues and get the help they need.

Anyone can become a member of the purple ribbon campaign to help stop the cycle of family violence. To learn how to increase awareness in your community, contact the international organization by visiting www.purpleribbonproject.com. Even wearing a purple ribbon or putting one on your car helps stop the silence that surrounds domestic violence and lends support to the millions of people who are grappling with the problem.

Man sentenced in pivotal domestic violence case

By Dave Kolpack

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota man whose case has been cited by the federal government as the legal standard for prosecuting domestic violence cases on American Indian reservations was sentenced Monday to more than five years in prison.

Roman Cavanaugh Jr., of Fort Totten, pleaded guilty in July to domestic assault by a habitual offender, a charge that allows prosecutors to use previous convictions in tribal courts to bring a case to federal court. The habitual offender statute has been upheld by two federal appeals courts.

Cavanaugh was convicted of domestic abuse offenses in March 2005, April 2005 and January 2008, all in tribal court. The federal charge involves a July 2008 incident in which Cavanaugh was accused of slamming his common-law wife’s head against the dashboard of his car and threatening to kill her.

“Because of this statute, Roman Cavanaugh isn’t going to be in a position to abuse his wife and kids for a very long time,” U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon, of North Dakota, said.

A judge in 2009 threw out the habitual offender charge because Cavanaugh did not have legal representation in tribal court. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision in July 2011, and the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals made the same call that month on a separate domestic violence case.

Brendan Johnson, U.S. Attorney in South Dakota, said the Cavanaugh ruling sent a message to other federal prosecutors

that they could bring domestic violence cases to court before it’s too late for the victims.

“In the past, we’ve had to wait until the domestic violence reaches the aggravated assault stage, which means that someone has been seriously, seriously injured,” Johnson said.

Cavanaugh’s attorney, Alexander Reichert, has not been able to get the U.S. Supreme Court to address whether prosecutors should be allowed to use previous convictions in tribal courts. He said Monday that he believes high court justices are waiting for more arguments at the appeals court level before taking on the issue.

“I think the (appeals) ruling is unfair to Native Americans,” Reichert said, noting that Cavanaugh didn’t have a lawyer in tribal court.

The tribal court system on the Standing Rock reservation, which straddles the North and South Dakota border, is one of the few that provides public defenders. Cavanaugh’s tribal prosecutions took place on the Spirit Lake reservation in northeastern North Dakota.

“Our goal is to have functioning tribal court systems like they have in Standing Rock, where people have public defenders,” Purdon said. “In the meantime, until we get to the point where all the tribal courts are functioning at that level, we’re going to use every tool in our toolbox to protect Native women.”

Federal prosecutors in North Dakota have indicted seven cases under the habitual offender statute since the Cavanaugh

ruling. South Dakota has indicted 10 cases, including the conviction of former Standing Rock council member Kerby St. John in June.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson on Monday sentenced Cavanaugh to five years and six months in prison, to be added on to another sentence that Cavanaugh is serving for punching his 11- and 12-year-old sons.

Erickson said in court Monday that the habitual offender statute is meant to address an epidemic of domestic violence in Native American communities and called Cavanaugh’s charge “a very serious offense from that standpoint.”

Justice Department figures show that an American Indian woman born in the United States has a 1-in-3 chance of being sexually assaulted in her lifetime, compared with a 1-in-5 chance for all women born in the country.

Cavanaugh told the judge he takes responsibility for his actions and plans to take parenting classes and go through substance abuse treatment in prison.

“I’m beyond sorry for all the things I’ve done wrong,” Cavanaugh said.

Erickson, who cited Cavanaugh’s eight previous convictions in state and tribal courts for assault and 17 arrests for public intoxication, said he was not impressed with a plea agreement that called for less than five years in prison.

“I can’t impose that type of sentence with a straight face,” the judge said.

Protecting Native American women from violence is an uphill battle

By Diane Curtis

Domestic violence and sexual assaults are complicated crimes in any setting, but in California Indian Country, the opportunities for confusion, errors and misunderstanding in reporting, prosecuting and counseling are even greater.

Jurisdiction isn’t always clear. Distrust of law enforcement outside the reservation is widespread. Tribal police and courts sometimes lack the authority they need to see that justice is done. Data is not easily exchanged between different law enforcement groups. Many of the crimes are committed in very isolated areas difficult to reach by non-tribal police or sheriff’s deputies.

At the same time, the problem is exacerbated because Native American women experience 2.5 times more sexual assaults than women in other ethnic groups, according to Department of Justice statistics. One out of three Native American women is raped, and, although data collection could be improved, some statistics show that as many as 80 percent of the perpetrators are not Native Americans, and thus not subject to tribal justice.

“Violence against women in Indian Country is an epidemic,” wrote Michigan State University Law Professor Matthew Fletcher in a 2009 paper written for the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Obstacles to addressing the epidemic in California present special problems because California is what is known as a Public Law 280 state a state in which jurisdiction for civil and criminal matters on reservations was transferred from the federal government to state government. “The obstacles presented by Public Law 280 to address sexual assault relate to data collection, training or awareness, lack of resources targeted at tribal communities, lack of well-funded tribal police departments, animosity toward tribal communities and lack of reporting from tribal community members,” says a December 2007 report of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

Many of those obstacles are being tackled, sometimes with great success, through state, local and tribal partnerships, but much still remains to be done, say two administrators in the California Attorney General’s Office, Olin Jones, director of the Office of Native American Affairs, and Deborah Bain, director of the Victim Services Unit.

Connie Reitman, executive director of the Inter-Tribal Council of California Inc., agrees that progress has been made but that both the tribal community and local law enforcement and providers of support services



still need to be educated about the best ways to respond to domestic violence issues in general and victims who are Native American in particular and also about jurisdictional authority. Law enforcement outside the reservation, she says, is more responsive than in the past, but response times can be long just by virtue of sheriff’s departments located 30 to 50 miles often via rough, one-lane roads from victims. When deputies arrive, the perpetrator may have left the scene or talked the victim out of pressing charges.

Staffers at a Mendocino County victim advocacy program say they still experience reluctance by local law enforcement to cite batterers or issue protective orders.

“This victim isn’t going to follow through; won’t go to court, will deny they’ve been beaten up,” a deputy will tell the victim advocates as a reason for not taking action. Law enforcement wants to be ‘judge and jury’, at least with Native American. When the victim is not a member of a tribe, it’s easier to see justice done,” the staffer said.

At the same time, Native American victims may be reluctant to make a formal complaint for a number of other reasons. Many women are afraid their children will be taken from them if they get involved with government social services because of the experiences of their ancestors. Joyce Moser, program coordinator for the Humboldt County District Attorney Victim Witness Program and a member of the Yurok Tribe, says her mother told her of being taken from her family and put in a boarding school designed to assimilate Native American children into European-American culture. They were punished if they spoke their native language, their hair was cut, they were given Anglo names and were often treated like servants. “That pain is still there,” said Moser. “Spirit wounds take

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Domestic Violence Program will be hosting their second annual “Honoring Their Spirits” event.

We would like to invite any one who has lost a loved one to domestic violence to come join us, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Oct.26, 2012 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. Share their story, light a candle, enjoy a meal and release a balloon to the heavens in their loved one’s memory.

Please RSVP with their name, date of birth and date of death (if applicable) and let us know how many will be joining us for the event. Contact Karen Hinton at office: (405) 422-7692; emergency phone (405) 201-8295 or Augustine Red Hat at office: (405) 422-7639.

Second Annual

"Honoring Their Spirits"

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Domestic Violence Program would like to invite you once again to come honor a loved one that has been the victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking. If you have had a loved one who was the victim of Domestic Violence we would like you to come share their story, light a candle in their memory, enjoy a meal, and release a balloon to the Heavens... Please R.S.V.P. to;

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Please call by October 19, 2012 with the name of your loved one;
date of birth; date of death (if applicable)

What:
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Second Annual “Honoring Their Spirits”

October 26, 2012 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Concho Community Center

Sponsored by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Domestic Violence Program for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Cobell, lead counsel updates status of payouts

By Dennis Gingold

This open letter discusses events and issues in the Cobell case since the last communication on May 22, 2012. Unfortunately, your settlement trust payments continue to be blocked because of appeals taken by four class members and their attorneys.

Until their appeals are exhausted or withdrawn, no payments may be made to desperate class members, no scholarship money may be provided to needy Indian students, and no money is available to purchase fractionated interests in land that would be consolidated and transferred to tribes free of liens. In short, another winter is approaching, but there is no money for you, your children, and grandchildren because of Craven, Colombe, Good Bear and Johns – as well as their attorneys.

So, what is the current status of the case? Weren't their appeals resolved by the court of appeals on May 22, 2012?

No. On May 22, 2012, two separate three-judge panels of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit concluded that the settlement is fair and they affirmed unanimously the district court's order granting final approval of the Cobell settlement. This is a major victory for you; however, it is not the end. All four appellants elected to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States. The appeal to the Supreme Court is not a right and the objectors must petition the Court to hear their arguments. Craven's petition was filed August 20. Colombe, Good Bear and Johns, whose appeals are consolidated, sought a 60-day extension to file their petition. We vigorously opposed that request, but they were granted a 30-day extension to file their petition – until Sept. 19, 2012. Our opposition to the Craven petition, as well as the government's opposition, is due on Sept. 22, 2012.

What did the Court of Appeals say?

In a 24-page decision, a three-judge panel rejected all the arguments of Kimberly Craven because they all are without merit. Craven claimed, among other things, that the settlement is not fair to her. The Court of Appeals disagreed, finding, in part, that she "mischaracterize[d] the Historical Accounting Class" and that Craven "offer[ed] no persuasive evidence to support her claim of unfair compensation [for Trust Administration Class members]." Craven personally attacked Elouise, suggesting baselessly that Elouise had colluded with the government to reach a settlement. Craven's contention was rejected emphatically by the Court of Appeals, which found that "Ms. Cobell's singular, selfless, and tireless investment of time, energy, and personal funds to ensure survival of the litigation . . . undermined any attempt to imply that Ms. Cobell had improperly colluded with the Secretary to settle." Notably, the Court held that Craven "ignore[d] the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting."

On the same day that Craven's appeal was rejected as meritless, a second three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit summarily rejected every argument of Good Bear, Colombe and Johns, pointedly holding that two of their four arguments were disposed of by the Craven decision. The U.S. Court of Appeals admonished the three appellants and their counsel for making two arguments that were "utterly without merit," that relied on a "blatant mischaracterization," or were "contrary to all

precedent and to common sense."

Why are appellants appealing the court's rejection of "blatantly mischaracterized" arguments that are "without merit" and otherwise "ignore the history of this hard-fought litigation and enormous obstacles to producing an historical accounting"? What are the chances of the four appellants prevailing?

Speculation is inappropriate; however, I note a potentially relevant statistic. In 2010, the latest full term of the Supreme Court, the Court reviewed 7,857 petitions for the Court to hear cases. Of those, only 86 were granted. This suggests that there is about a 1% chance that the petitions of Craven et al. will be granted. As reported by Indianz.com on August 15, Colombe, himself, admitted to the Native Sun News that they, the appellants, were "going to be blown out of the water" by the Supreme Court. But, even so, in the unlikely event that one of the petitions is granted, your payments may be delayed at least another year.

I am not aware of any case in which the Supreme Court has rejected calls from all three branches of government urging the prompt and fair resolution of a settlement with the United States government. You may recall that the settlement received bi-partisan support in Congress. The Senate unanimously passed the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (the "CRA") and that House voted overwhelmingly to ratify the settlement and appropriate all necessary funds. The President signed the CRA into law, at which time he emphasized the importance of the settlement both to individual Indians and the United States government. Six judges sitting in the district court and court of appeals carefully reviewed the record evidence and the law and they rejected as meritless each of appellants' arguments.

So, if they have little chance of prevailing on the merits, why are they appealing?

I cannot answer that question because I do not know. Class members, including those who identify themselves as family of the appellants, ask us the same question. They ask why appellants are doing this when they know that it hurts so many Indian people, including their own grandchildren. To the extent that the appellants ever believed they had a chance of prevailing prior to May 22, 2012, it is clear that they have very little or no chance of prevailing now. And, should they succeed, that means that the settlement would be terminated and that they and you will receive nothing. It is not within the realm of possibility that Congress will again appropriate \$3.4 billion for individual Indian trust beneficiaries. When so many class members are dying and many must do without heat and adequate shelter this winter, I believe that the efforts of the appellants and their counsel are nothing short of a travesty of justice.

Did you disclose confidential information about the appellants to us?

No, notwithstanding false statements made by Craven, Good Bear, Colombe, and Johns in that regard, each filed in the public record his or her own contact information, including home addresses phone numbers and other such information. Indeed, they or their attorneys disclosed that information publicly nearly one and one-half years ago. Today, the information remains in the public record. Any of you may visit the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at the courthouse or download

the information from Internet. See e.g., Dkt. Nos. 3740 at 7 (Craven), 3746 at 105, 108 (Good Bear), 3746 at 238 (Colombe), and 3746 at 150 (Johns).

I understand that Craven is now saying that the creation of the Trust Administration Class was not part of the original complaint, is this true?

No. This is another instance where Craven fundamentally is wrong. The complaint that Plaintiffs filed in June 1996, among other things, sought equitable relief, including an adequate accounting of IIM Trust assets and restitutionary relief that is based on whatever the accounting would reveal. Further, the original class certified by the U.S. District Court in February 1997 consisted of all past and present individual Indian trust beneficiaries. Trust Administration Class Members were included in the class certified almost 16 years ago. Put another way, principal claims of the Trust Administration Class were included in the complaint filed in 1996 for the class certified by the U.S. District Court on February 4, 1997.

I've also read that Craven is arguing that the incentive awards to Ms. Cobell and the other named plaintiffs are exorbitant and a Supreme Court decision supporting her argument "would significantly strengthen the [future] enforcement . . . and protect[] the interests of future generations of class members." What does she mean and how would this protect me in any future lawsuits?

This is a misguided, erroneous, and fallacious argument. Not a single argument advanced by Craven will "protect[] the future generations of class members." She does not explain how any judgment finding that this particular incentive payment is "exorbitant" would protect you, an individual Indian class member, in some future class action litigation that no one wants to file. Indeed, because no one will ever bring another class action lawsuit of this nature to trial, her argument makes no sense and it is extremely misleading.

But, the incentive payment is larger than average, right?

Yes, it had to be in order to reflect the extraordinary efforts of the named plaintiffs. Both the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit held that Craven has "ignor[ed] the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting." No named plaintiff in a class action case has made sacrifices that Elouise made during the last 15 years of her life. She used hundreds of thousands of dollars of her own money to fund experts in the litigation and she devoted much of her adult life to the successful prosecution of this case. Unlike Craven, Elouise is a genuine American hero and as President Obama eloquently stated, "[h]er persistent and determined leadership in the pursuit of justice for all Native American's will leave an enduring legacy."

What have you done to speed up this process?

We have done everything that is legally possible. In addition, we reached out to the attorneys who represent each of the appel-



Courtesy photo

lants on multiple occasions to urge them to consider the financial and human cost to the class members, all to no avail.

When can we expect to be paid?

Unfortunately, as a result of their actions, your payments could be delayed several more months and perhaps longer – possibly to 2013, or even 2014. If Craven, Good Bear, Columbe, and Johns had not pursued their meritless appeals, you would have been paid by now, the scholarship fund would have been established, and land consolidation would be under way. Even now, if each of these appellants withdrew their appeals, you would receive your first check within a few weeks.

Who are the attorneys who represent the appellants?

McGuireWoods LLP, a Virginia law firm with a Washington, D.C. office, is representing Kimberly Craven. An associate in that firm, Anand Ramana, is handling her petition and is counsel of record. It is the same firm that filed an amicus brief in the Court of Appeals on behalf of Competitive Enterprise Institute ("Institute") in support of Craven's meritless arguments. The Institute is a tax-exempt organization and Wikipedia reports that it is funded by ExxonMobil Corporation, Texaco, Inc., Coca Cola Company, CSX Corporation, FMC Corporation, and others. The Institute says that it is "dedicated to the principles of free enterprise and limited government." If that statement is true, why would the Institute want to deny individual Indians their property rights, particularly given that the Institute states that the restoration of property rights is one of its goals.

McGuireWoods is also the same law firm that recently was cited for an "egregious" ethics violation by a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in an antitrust case. As a result of its cited misconduct, the Court of Appeals affirmed the District Judge's denial of the law firm's request for attorneys' fees. The firm says that it is representing Craven for free.

David Harrison is an Albuquerque, New Mexico lawyer and Osage Indian who represents Good Bear, Johns, and Columbe. He is a former BIA employee. The Court of Appeals found that certain of the arguments and representations he made to it are "utterly without merit," a "blatant mischaracterization," and "contrary to all precedent and to common sense." Quite a dubious achievement, even for Mr. Harrison! If as the judges say he blatantly mischaracterized facts and the litigation record and if as they say he misstated controlling law, why should you believe that his statements to you about the Cobell case are truthful or sensible?

Native Business: Cash is fuel for a business

By Jim Stanley, Contributing Writer

Cash to a business is like fuel to a car. A car without fuel will not run; a business without cash cannot pay employees and workers stop showing up, vendors that stop receiving payment for goods and services discontinue the supply, unpaid taxes are followed by warrants and monetary penalties –enlarging the amount due. Cash fuels a business's activities making cash flow essential.

There are a number of things to remember to help keep enough cash in a business which will increase the probability of success –also reducing a lot of stress and pain for the owner.

1. If it is unclear how many dollars a business can afford to distribute to the owner, keep the money in the business until the amount is known. This means resist the urge to buy more things or distribute cash from the business's operating account to the owner's personal account –not as simple as it sounds when cash piles up during certain points in the business cycle.
2. Keep good financials. Over time the financials will tell a story. This story will provide a platform for making good decisions. Good decisions are likely to be followed by more net income and positive feelings

associated with success. Bad decisions include pain and stress for the company.

3. If a business's plan is to grow sales it is likely the cash needs of a business will also increase. If a business owner plans to grow sales by 30% and inventory is a component of the business model, the cash needed to purchase inventory is also likely to grow by 30% -this number should be simple to quantify. If a business model instead relies on transactional sales, employees like support staff and/or sales people are likely to increase.

Cash is fuel for a business.



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A battle over historical significance for the Carlisle Indian School farmhouse

By Rick Kearns

The struggle to save the farmhouse at the former Carlisle Indian School (CIS) now includes an official request to re-evaluate the building’s historic value while the Army continues with its planned destruction.

Advocates trying to save the farmhouse, the only building at CIS where Native American students lived and attended classes, are challenging the Army’s statements about the structural integrity of the building; and are requesting a new evaluation of the property.

The Coalition of Carlisle Indian School Descendants, Relatives and Friends had not received any reaction from the Army regarding their efforts (including an online petition drive) until August 24, when an Army spokesperson finally responded to the requests with a five-page email claiming the farmhouse was not structurally sound and did not earn historical preservation status.

“The farmhouse is one of dozens of buildings to be demolished and replaced with modern family housing... [they] have structural, foundation, plumbing, and electrical issues... [and] are scheduled for demolition in the coming months,” asserted Lt. Col. William G. McDonough III, Garrison Commander of Carlisle Barracks in an email to the Coalition.

In response to the commander’s email, the coalition submitted a letter on August 27 which challenged most of McDonough’s claims, including the following: “This current level of poor and inadequate maintenance is being used by Carlisle Barracks as an excuse for the demolition of the structure, when this deterioration can be directly traced to a failure of maintenance by the United States Army Garrison...it is obvious they have failed in their regulatory, legal and ethical responsibilities.”

Along with the coalition’s statements about the building’s physical status they presented a case for why the farmhouse was not appropriately evaluated in the first place.

The coalition says “... no evaluation was made under National Register of Historic Places criteria (a): that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to

the broad patterns of our history. Building 839 [the farmhouse] has direct association with three broad patterns of American history at Carlisle Barracks.”

In a further challenge to McDonough’s point that a 1996 Architectural Survey asserted the building “has only minor associations with educational activities of the school,” the coalition pointed to a 1918 publication by CIS that clearly discussed the use of this building for classes and housing by Indian students. The coalition also noted documented proof that the farmhouse played a role in Carlisle’s Civil War history and was used as a social club for the segregated African American soldiers during World War II.

The coalition advocates have requested a re-initiation of the Section 106 process per the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires consultation with interested parties. Coalition spokesperson Dr. Louellyn White, Mohawk, an assistant professor of first peoples studies at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, said the official request was addressed to McDonough with copies sent to the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, which is the State Historic Preservation Office for Pennsylvania.

Neither McDonough nor other Army officials have con-



Submitted photo
Carlisle Indian School farmhouse.

tacted the coalition after the August 29 letter, but at the very end of his email, which included several paragraphs describing the Army’s honoring of Native American and CIS history, he re-iterated their position regarding the plan for demolishing the farmhouse.

“While the farmhouse will be razed to make way for new housing, we have and will continue to have myriad ways to share the CIS story.”

Coyote Thoughts: The Deadly Tricksters

By Beau Washington, Contributing Writer

Trickster Thoughts are the thoughts that are possible but not accurate. They could be true, but they are off “just enough” that they fool us into believing that they are true and accurate. If a person thinks a trickster thought just once or twice, there is not much of a problem. If a person thinks about them a lot, the tricksters cause a battle within that can take a strong person down.

I was waiting for my prescriptions and started to talk with a guy who told me he was a cage fighter. I have seen cage fights on TV and once at a casino. They really look like they hurt. I asked him “Do you beat yourself up?” He immediately responded “I sure do. I have to drink myself to sleep every night because I am so stupid and worthless.” “Is that why you fight?” “Yeah” he said “For about 5 days afterwards it keeps me from thinking how worthless I am. All I think about is how much I hurt, my ribs, legs, arms, pretty much all over,” his name was called by

the pharmacist and the conversation ended. I am sorry that I didn’t get to talk with him more. I am not saying that all cage-fighters fight for this reason, but this guy does. I doubt that the fighter I was talking to was worthless and he was smart enough to know why he fights, it was because his thoughts were painful. Stupid people would not have this insight. He was a strong man but he was buying into what the “Name Calling” trickster was telling him. Tricksters will call in other tricksters if you start to believe them. Thinking I am worthless and stupid will call in the Fortune Teller Trickster resulting in thoughts like “I will never win; I will always be broke; nobody will ever love me; they will be better off without me” and the list goes on. These kinds of tricksters are not talked about. They are sly and hide in one’s mind and they start to bring a person down, sometimes they can become so bad that they can even kill a person.

In the old days we made our

own shoes, clothes, knives, pretty much everything. We have gotten away from these self-sufficient ways. Ninety-seven percent of Natives, who die from suicide, do so without asking for professional help. Because of this fact, just as making our own clothes in the old days, we as family members, friends and community need to learn ways to prevent suicide. I know it is scary to think about this. You may be the only contact the person in trouble has. Both my wife and I work in suicide prevention, we both would rather ask if somebody is thinking about hurting themselves rather than beating ourselves up for not asking later with “I should have asked, I might have saved their life”. Another way to ask is: “That is some pretty bad stuff. Ever feel like ending it all?” You can change the first line to however you talk and the second line works pretty well. But ask, regrets are hard to live with.

Trickster Thoughts are invisible, but you can hear them. Knowl-

edge is power and good prevention is learning and recognizing the trickster thoughts and stopping them before they do their damage. Knowing their names is the start of taking their power away; questioning their accuracy and truthfulness kills them. Remember, everybody who thinks has Trickster Thoughts; the problem comes when we believe them.

We will realize when a friend or relative is having depression long before a mental health professional finds out. There isn’t a magic pill and a prevention program will not work unless many people in the community commit to learning how to fight the Tricksters and teach the ways to others. People of all sizes and ages can learn to defeat the Tricksters, they don’t have to be super heroes to save lives. Everybody in Indian Country is on the front line in this battle. You can learn to help. In the meantime, call a professional and ask for advice/help and/or take your friend for professional help. It is a good



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day to live.

To learn more about Beau Washington visit www.kickdepression.org.

The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.

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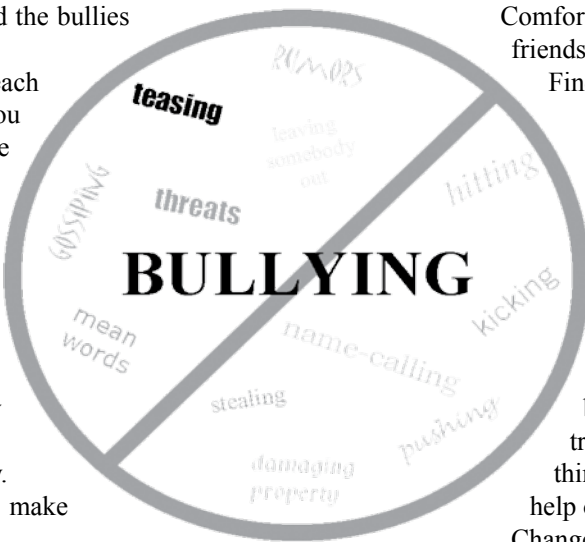
It wasn't until much later that men like George Bent and

"Damn any man who sympathizes with Indians! I have come to kill Indians, and believe it is right and honorable to use any means under God's heaven to kill Indians."—Col. John Milton Chivington,

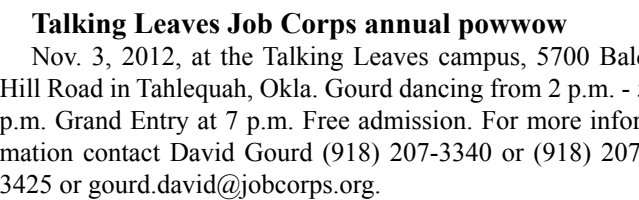
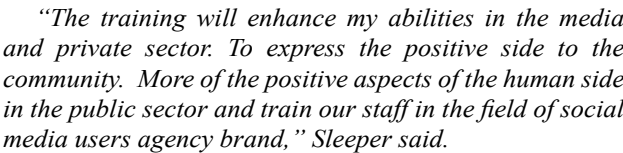
*For questions or additional information contact the Medicine
Wind News editor, Nakima Geimausaddle at (580) 585-2395.*

If you witness bullying ... interrupt it. Stand next to,

Remember, you don't have to like everyone around you, but you have to treat everyone with respect.



The tribe will bless the land during a ceremony on Wednesday. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 4, 2012.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 7th Birthday
Arionna
You are such a delight.
I can still see you asleep
in your crib.
Crawling around having
fun, giggles and laughs.
That precious kiss
goodnight warms my heart.
I look forward to each and
everyday to watching you
grow and play.
You lighten up our lives in
every possible way.
Happy Birthday
booger butt!
We love you oh so very
much from your sisters,
momma and all those who
have fallen in love with you.



Happy Birthday
Cheyenne
Oct. 16
We want to give a big
Birthday shout out to our
beautiful baby girl
Cheyenne Red Hat.
Cheyenne we love you very
much, even though times
are difficult growing up as a
teenager just remember we
have been there and done
that. We will be there with
you every step of the way.
Here is to our baby that
turned into you a
young lady at 17.
Love you always,
momma and Edwin



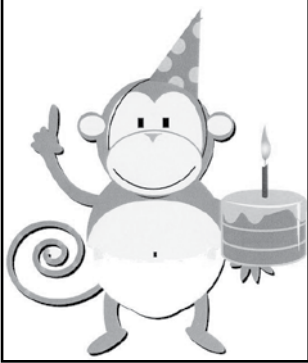
Golly, it's Sonya Lee's 51st
Birthday
Oct. 13 May you have a
blessed life.
Love your brothers,
Bill and Bob



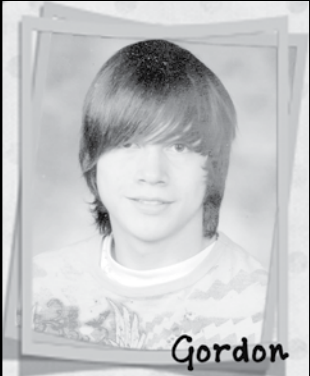
Happy 80th Birthday
Oct. 5
Bertha Jane Lamebull
You are the family
matriarch and you are a
blessing to everyone
you meet.
As you look back on your
80 years, try to imagine
every wonderful thing
you've ever done or said
or wished or dreamed as a
bright and beautiful flower.
Love you very much,
Bill, Bob and all your
family and friends.



Happy 7th Birthday Jalen!
Oct. 12
There are no words to tell
you little J how much joy,
love and sunshine you
have brought into our lives
since the day you were
born! Can't believe you are
already 7 years old.
I pray you keep your
wonderful sense of humor,
your quickness to love and
your easy-going style.
These are gifts God has
blessed you with.
Loving you
forever and ever,
Grandma and papa



Happy Birthday
Shane Dean Yellow Eagle, II, 5 and Elizabeth
Yellow Eagle, 3. God bless you, from dad Shane,
mom Jaimie and grandma Wanda.
We love you and all your relatives
love you too.



Happy 18th Birthday
Gordon Jaymz (Akins)
Hamilton
We all miss and love you
very much
Love, dad, Brittany, Tyler,
Lisa, Zach and
little bubba Braxton

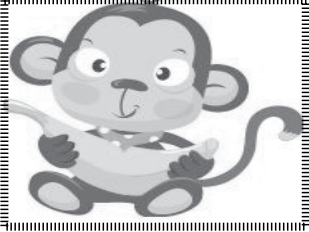


Wishing our baby sister
Hannah Shahiyla
Sheridan a very
Happy 24th Birthday.
We love you and
we miss you so much.
We are so proud of you for
what you are doing
for our country.
Counting down the days
until you get to come
home little sister.
Love your family
and wolf pack

*A Native American
Celebrates*
I come to the Pow Wow
to dance
to sing
to sense who I am
The beating of the drum
makes my feet
start to dance.
I shake the gourd rattle,
I sing.
I become one
With Mother Earth,
Grandfather I feel
is proud of me.
I'm renewed.
The Circle is closed.
I celebrate.
I Ya I Ya O
David Kaw



Happy Birthday
Georgia Moore McGee
Oct. 7
Have a good one!
From Kim, Remi, Bobby,
Timisha, Darre'l, Paris D.,
Paris J., Gerald Chauncey
and your mother.
Love you lots!



Happy Birthday
Jarred Johnson
13 years old
Oct. 4
Love mom, Gabby and
I guess Barry too.

Happy
Birthday
Terri
Roberts
Sept. 26
Have a
great day
Love, Terry



Happy Birthday
To a great husband, father,
grandpa and friend.
We love you and wish you
many more Birthdays.
Oct. 7
From all of us Robin,
Sunshine, Alfred, Nathan,
Justin, Boo Boo
and grand kids.

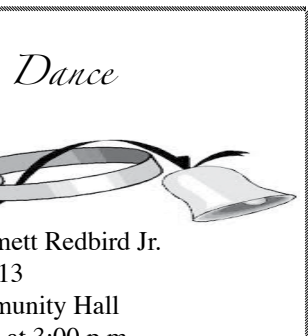


Happy 77th Birthday Dad
aka Grandpa aka Big Papa
Oct. 4
As a little girl I would look
up at you smiling down at
me with your big dark
eyes and I knew within my
heart how much my
daddy loved me.
Now that I am grown and
a grandma myself, I look
at you just the same and I
see you looking back down
at me with those same dark
eyes and I still know in my
heart how much my daddy
loves me and I hope you
know how very much I
love you. You have
taught me the meaning of
unconditional love, though
I am no way near able to
demonstrate that gift as you
do (that must come from
mom's side of the family
huh?). You have shown me
dedication to the ones you
love and I truly can say
because of you I know the
meaning of being loved by
God, because of your love
for me as my father.
Forever your daughter and
your biggest fan
Rosemary



Happy Birthday
Coli
Love ya, oodles and
boodles!
Ricque Raccoon

Happy Anniversary
Bruce Gemausadle
From Vivian Redbird-
Gemausadle



Wedding Dance

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Redbird Jr.
Oct. 13
Concho Community Hall
Gourd Dancing at 3:00 p.m.
Supper at 5:00 p.m.
Emmett and Wilma were married on the 19th day of
September in the year 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Redbird
Jr. would like to invite everyone to come eat, dance and
enjoy this special occasion with them.



*Jason Goodblanket & Tammie Becenti were wed on
Sept. 29, 2012 in Gallup, New Mexico*
*You are Invited to an
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Oct. 13, 2012*
Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.
Gourd Dancing - 2 p.m./Traditional Dinner - 5 p.m.
Grand Entry at 7 p.m.
Men's Contests-Straight, Traditional, Fancy, Grass
Women's Contests-Buckskin, Cloth, Fancy Shawl
and Jingle
Tiny Tots
Come and Celebrate this special day with the
Goodblanket Family



Happy 1st Birthday
To our young prince
William Edward Blackowl
III "Our goblin babe"
Oct. 28
We were blessed with you
one year ago today. People
ask me if they can keep
you, I am quick
to say no way.
You are such a smart
intelligent little fella, you
learn so fast. Yes me, your
dad and sisters this past
year had a blast seeing
your mile stones come
and go, but some how you
learned to shake your head
and say no. All is well, this
we give thanks to the Lord
above for blessing us with
you, the second man of the
house and our love. Today
I look back and reminisce.
Your past and present have
been pure bliss. So as you
take this day all in I can
finally take a breath, yes I
got my son yes I believe I
win. Your sister LaQuita
has warmed up to you
well, but I'm warning you
mess with the dvd's and
she'll tell. Nellie-Jean
was indifferent at first
she wanted her space, but
when you cried she was at
your side wiping the tears
from your face. Gertrude-
Sara was totally over took
by your cuteness, she
always wanted to hold
you, you put her in little
bro bro bliss. Your dad is
happy beyond belief. The
boys now stand two to
four ... whew ... what a
relief and last but not least
your momma. There are
no words to explain how I
feel. Your handsomeness
and your joy for life has
me intrigued and in love.
Yeah the Lord put extra
work on you he took
my list from up above.
Handsome ... check,
chubby cheeks to squeeze
... check, joy and sheer
happiness ... check, just
over all perfection ...
like your sisters, you are
perfect ... check. Have a
Happy Birthday and may
the Lord bless you for
many years to come.
Love your mommy, daddy,
Gertrude-Sara, Nellie-Jean
and LaQuita



Happy Birthday to two
sisters who share the same
birthday on Sept. 28, Kylie
Renee Harvie is turning 8
years old and Morgan Nicole
Harvie is turning 4 years
old. They are the daughters
of the late Johnny Harvie.
We hope you both have a
great birthday with many
more birthdays to share
with each other. We have
seen you both grow up to
be smart, beautiful amazing
little girls and we all love
you both unconditionally.
Love always, grandma
Mary Hawk, cousin Gerry
Redbird, Rachel Adams,
your sisters Myra Harvie,
Melanie Harvie, your
brothers, Jonathan Harvie,
Tristan Harvie, Kalieb
Harvie and Trevor Hallum
plus all the other family

The 16 Rivers of Life

By Marvin White Spirit Wolf Fullerton

The River of Acceptance.
The River of Belief.
The River of Conviction.
The River of Dreams.
The River of Edification.
The River of Faith.
The River of Guidance.
The River of Hope.
The River of Illumination.
The River of Joy.
The River of Love.
The River of Nirvana.
The River of Opportunity.
The River of Praise.
The River of Reconciliation.
The River of Solace.
Through the eyes of a Spirit
Wolf

This poem has one stan-
za, consisting of 16 lines. It
is a combination of a love
poem and a religious poem.

Many people say that
life is about the choices that
we make from one moment
to the next and, in part, I'd
say that is ture. But on the
other hand, I also believe
that how you're raised, the
beliefs that are instilled in
you and the type of society
in which you live, all vary
and strongly influence on
how each of us thinks, be-
haves and turns out in life.

Positive reinforcement
along with a strong spiritual
foundation will instill in us
a great many positive quali-
ties that will, in the long-
run, enhance our lives and
which in turn will build up
our self-esteem, our self-
worth and our self-confi-

dence. This, in turn, will
then help us to strive harder
to make all of our hopes and
dreams come true.

A river can be a very
powerful source of energy.
In the same respect each
of the 16 qualities listed
in this poem can also be a
powerful source in each of
our lives. Just like a rapidly
flowing river, we can carve
a path in this life that is
strong and purposeful, not
only for ourselves, but also
for all those lives we touch
in one way or another. We
can serve as a light for oth-
ers and an open heart, as
well as a very strong one-
on-one relationship with
our Creator.

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Concho, Clinton, Canton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:
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SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker
Indian Child Welfare
Closing Date:Until filled

Qualifications:
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Dietitian - RD/LD
Wellness Center, Concho
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
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SALARY: Negotiable

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Clinton Center
Closing Date:Until Filled

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SALARY: Negotiable

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R.E.Sp.E.C.T.-Clinton
Closing Date:Until filled

Qualifications:
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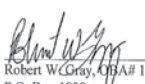
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TRIAL COURT OF THE CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES: WYLAN BUFFALOMEAT

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition to Register District Court Order and a Petition to Determine Arrears to Judgment in the Court listed above by the Plaintiff. You must appear in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Concho, Oklahoma the 4th day of December, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., or an Order Registering District Court Order and an Order Reducing Arrears to Judgment will be entered and all other relief sought will be granted to the Plaintiff.

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SPORTS
SPOTLIGHT

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter



Allison Shoptese is a 17 year old senior at Calumet High School.

What is your biggest accomplishment?

When I landed my standing back tuck. It is a very hard flip to do.

What one or two things do you currently do in your training that are keys to your success?

I always put school first so if I still have homework to complete I won't go to my practices, but I have not had to do that this year. I try to workout everyday so that I stay in shape. Since I am a captain

on our cheerleading team I will stay after practice and help the girls who are having a hard time learning.

What would be your ultimate achievement?

I really want to open my own dance studio. I have been dancing since I was 3 years old so being a dance teacher would be a huge achievement for me.

How do you set your goals?

I have a planner that I write down my goals in, it helps me to stay on track. I also have this picture frame hanging on my bedroom wall with scrap paper on the back of it. I will write a weekly quote on it for myself. The quote helps me to keep going and gives me a good attitude everyday.

What is your biggest challenge and what do you do to manage this challenge?

I really haven't had any big challenges. I guess just to graduate high school and go to college. My uncle graduated

high school but he did not go to college until a couple of years ago and my mom never even finished high school. I have taken the ACT test but I have to study more so that I can get a better score on it.

What one or two things do you believe differentiates you from your peers who have tailed off in their athletic participation?

I have to say my family they have always told me don't give up and when I feel like giving up they will just push me harder.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

From the fab five girls who participated in the Olympics. Like Gabby, she went through a hard time financially and she came as far as she did and won gold medals.

Who is the one person you look up to?

My uncle, Marshall Shoptese, he has been through a lot of medical stuff. He fell off of a trailer while he was at work and had several back surgeries. The doctors put metal rods into his back ... he can walk now. He has also had several kidney stones with so many surgeries and he is diabetic, but through it all he always keeps his head up and maintains a positive attitude.

Do you have rules that you live by?

Yes ... don't have any regrets.

What is your favorite food?



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Who is your favorite athlete?

Tim Tebow, he is the quarterback for the New York Jets.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to make hair bows. I recently made all of the bows for our cheer team when we attended the OU cheer camp. I have also made bows for the Midwest City Bombers Softball team. I make them and sell them for \$5 each.

What do you plan on doing after high school?

After high school I want to go to Southwestern in Weatherford and become a pharmacist, eventually owning my own dance studio.

What is one thing someone may not know about you?

I like to wrestle in the mud. My little brother and I were outside one day and my mother, Gloria Shoptese, had dug up a tree. We seen all the dirt and decided to fill it up with water. We started to play in it and we threw the mud on the house ... we got into so much trouble. It was still fun. I just really like playing in the mud.

Haskell University responds to NAIA probation ruling

By Heather Hollingsworth

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) _ Haskell Indian Nations University has taken 'corrective actions to address concerns that led to it's athletic programs being placed on probation through 2014,' the Kansas based school said in a statement they released.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics placed the school on probation for "violations involving ineligible players," but it released no details. The probation went into effect Monday Sept. 10, 2012.

In the statement, the university said the problems involved only the football and men's basketball programs, and one player from each team was affected. The school had earlier disclosed internal and federal investigations into claims that two student-athletes had falsified ACT scores dating back to 2008.

Haskell president James Redman said in the statement, "that oversight and polices have been improved to bring the school into compliance with NAIA standards and address issues raised in a U.S. Department of Education Inspector General's investigation and report."

In the release Redman said departmental reviews were conducted, policies were tightened and the student database system and ACT reporting requirements were upgraded. He also noted that policies tied to drop/add deadlines and stop-gap actions have prevented other occurrences.

"Haskell takes ethical and compliance responsibilities very serious and believes

this was an isolated event," he said.

The school said no students were advanced in class ranking or earned degrees as a result of falsified ACT scores alleged to have been submitted or other credits received from hybrid courses from online or off campus.

Haskell, which is overseen by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, announced the investigations in May and said they had resulted in official action on the employees and students involved, as well as the discovery that three other students' transcripts were manipulated. Two employees involved no longer work at Haskell, the school said at the time.

University spokesman Stephen Prue said in a telephone interview that the NAIA's decision to place the school on probation resulted from two of those cases. He declined to provide the students' names.

He also said the school is still determining how many men's basketball and football games will be forfeited.

According to the NAIA handbook, "the use of ineligible students leads to the forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated."

Athletes also lose at least one season of eligibility.

Institutions placed on probation must submit a written response detailing the corrective measures they plan to take. Future violations can lead to the suspension of programs, a move that would bar them from postseason play, according to the NAIA handbook.

High School Football Schedules

Anadarko Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Clinton Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Woodward Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Piedmont Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Elgin Home 7:30 p.m.
Playoffs TBA
Championship TBA

Canton Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Ringwood Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Seiling Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Medford Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Pond Creek-Hunter Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Waukomis Home 7:30 p.m. (Sr. Night)

Clinton Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Anadarko Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Piedmont Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 Elk City Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Cache Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Woodward Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 1st Round of Playoffs
Nov. 16 2nd Round of Playoffs
Nov. 23 Semifinals
Nov. 30 State Championship

El Reno Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 1 Carl Albert Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 Deer Creek Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct 15 Ada Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 Guthrie Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct 29 Southeast Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 Western Heights Home 7:30 p.m. (Sr. Night)

Enid Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Tulsa Union Away 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 Ponca City Home 7:3 p.m.
Oct. 18 Owasso Away 7:30 p.m. Thursday Night
Oct. 26 Stillwater Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Sand Springs Away 7:30 p.m.

Geary Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Central Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Alex Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Cyril Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Macomb Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Paoli Away 7:30 p.m.

Kingfisher Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 John Marshall Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Centennial Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Newcastle Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Marlow Home 7:30 p.m.

Mustang Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Memorial High School Away 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 Putnam City West Home 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 Choctaw Away 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 Lawton Home 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2 South Moore Away 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Indian School Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Hobart Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Fredrick Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Lindsay Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Washington Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Mangum Away 7:30 p.m.

Seiling Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Merritt Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Canton Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct.18 Pond Creek-Hunter Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Laverene Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Covington Douglas (Sr. Night) 7:30 p.m.

Watonga Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Pioneer Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Cashion Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Tulsa NOAH Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Crecent Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. Carnegie Away 7:30 p.m.

Weatherford Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5 Arlington Martin Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Arlington High Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 19 Paschal (Homecoming) Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 North Crowley Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Arlington Lamar (Sr. Night) 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 Arlsam Houston Away 7:30 p.m.

Woodward Varsity Footbal Schedule

Oct. 5 Elgin Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Anadarko Home (Homecoming) 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Cache Home (Sr. Night) 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Elk City Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Clinton Away 7:30 p.m.

Yukon Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. Friday Edmond North Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 12 Friday Moore (Homecoming) Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 18 Thursday Midwest City Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 26 Friday Grant (Sr. Night) Home 7 p.m.
Nov. Friday Putnam City North Away 7 p.m.

Protecting Native American women

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time to heal.”

More recent experiences at women’s shelters where native customs and beliefs are not respected also keep battered Native American women from seeking help.

Other Native Americans say they like to take care of their own issues on the reservation, that there is the feeling that neither the victims nor perpetrators will be treated like other members of other races in the state court system and that the punishments may not reflect their values and beliefs. They also point out that violence against women is most often caused by non-Native Americans and that such behavior has never been a part of Indian culture.

Another problem for tribal authorities is that they cannot arrest non-Native Americans for violent crimes.

“When we have non-Indian people, spouses or otherwise, living on the reservation, the frustration is we have very little authority to protect the victims,” said Cynthia Gomez, a tribal court judge at Shingle Springs Rancheria. “The lack of jurisdiction with non-Native Americans allows the perpetrator to get more violent and it inhibits the Native American women from reporting the violence. That’s problematic for our community.”

But there have been moves in the right direction. The Obama Administration is including the right of tribal authorities to arrest non-Indians in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. California’s Administrative Office of the Courts’ Center for Families, Children and the Courts launched

the Native American Communities Justice Project in 2008 to assess the needs of Native American victims of family violence in California and to improve the administration of justice for those victims. One especially positive result of that project, say tribal judges, is acceptance and input into the statewide database of restraining orders issued by tribal courts.

Richard Blake, chief judge of the Hoopa Tribal Court and presiding judge of the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Court, is part of a pilot program in which restraining and protective orders are shared between the state and tribal courts. It’s a program that Blake had worked on at a more local level with the Humboldt County district attorney and sheriff’s deputies to great effect since 2003. In the past, he said, a deputy sheriff might have been given a restraining or protective order but would ignore it because he didn’t believe he was obligated to enforce a tribal court order. Working with the local authorities, the orders began to be accepted. With the state program in place through the Administrative Office of the

Courts, the process is easy, Blake said. Tribal orders now look similar to those issued by state agencies and deputies are comfortable with them.

“We’re able to issue those orders and know we’re in the system,” Blake said. “The Judicial Council is scheduled to consider expanding the pilot project to all of California next year.”

Blake also said it has helped that tribal police are ‘cross-deputized.’ as Humboldt county sheriff’s deputies. Judges in Shingle Springs and Imperial County echoed Blake’s report of progress.

Moser, of the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office, said building trust is a huge part of working with tribes to fight domestic violence together.

“Never promise anything that you have no plans in following through,” she says. “You have to be consistent and truthful. Sometimes we had only three people (at the monthly meeting with local agencies and the tribes) but we kept going. I think we were being put to the test.”

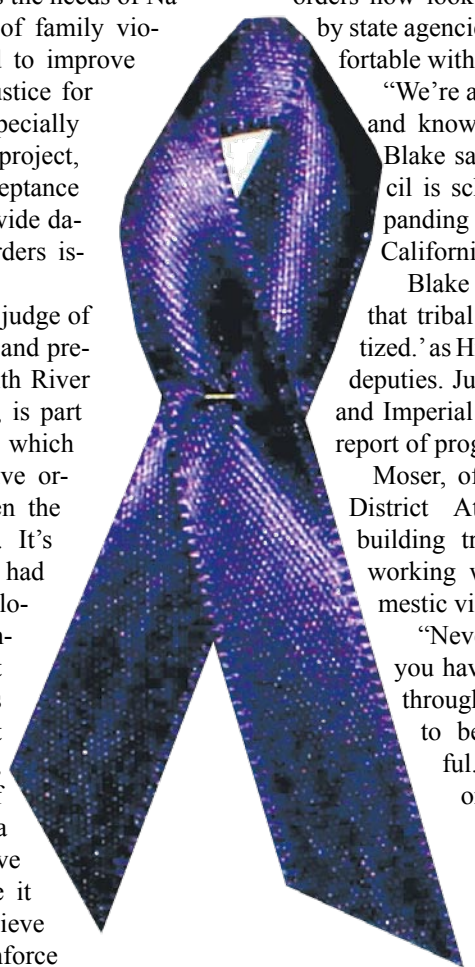
“There’s still a long way to go,” says Bain of the California Attorney General’s Victim Services Unit. But she and others are encouraged by progress that

has been made with the coalitions formed throughout the state with tribes and law enforcement, especially in San Diego, Riverside, Humboldt and Butte counties; with the additional training for tribal and local police and sheriff’s deputies and social service workers on laws and cultural sensitivity; with more outreach to victims on the reservations where they live; with more grants from the federal government to address the problem; and with recognition by the state courts and federal government that laws and policies need to be changed if the high rates of domestic violence against Native American women are going to abate.

Lester Marston, the Blue Lake judge and Ukiah lawyer, however, thinks the problem could be successfully addressed more quickly. He is blunt about who needs to take responsibility if the problem is to be addressed.

“Tribal governments need to get the issue on their radar screen ,” he said. “It’s an issue of priorities. If tribal self-government means anything, it means Indian people themselves must come up with a solution.”

The ability to issue restraining orders that are enforced is a step in the right direction, Marston agrees, “but it’s not enough . . . you go to an Indian reservation and everybody knows what’s going on with the compact process or online poker or water rights or if you’re a leasing tribe, land leases. Those kinds of things are talked about every single day. Sexual assault and domestic violence need to be given that same priority . . . where there’s a will, there’s a way.”



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